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Alaska Sanitary Packing Company,
222 Colman Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Your report of operations in Alaska for the season of 1917 has been received through Mr. Bower. The attention to detail with which it has been prepared, and also your promptness in forwarding it is appreciated.

Upon a closer examination, however, we are uncertain as to whether the entries of unregistered vessels, boats and other craft, and the amount of apparatus are complete. It is noted that 413,857 fish of all species were taken by means of seines, of which you report only three; also that 95,006 fish of all species were taken by means of gill nets. No gill nets, gill net boats, nor seine boats were listed on your report. Reference to the corresponding report for the season of 1916 shows entries of 3 seine boats, 1 gill net boat, 3 row boats and skiffs, 4 lighters and scows, 2 rafts, and 1 pile driver, and 6 seines. Kindly give us full data if there has been any omission in respect to vessels and boats, or gear.

It is also noted that your 1916 report gave the net tonnage of the Halcyon and Alasco as 15 and 8, respectively. The report for the present season contains the entry of 21 and 15 tons respectively. Is this correct?

Your kind attention to this inquiry will be appreciated.

Very truly, yours,

H. M. Smith.

Commissioner.

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